SHRI K.M. KHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received any export order for engines, coaches and wagons stock; and

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the anticipated foreign exchange earnings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) Yes, Sir, for locomotives and coaches.

(b) Following export orders have been received during the period 1.4.95—31.1.96.

	Locos	Coaches
(i) *New*		
Sri Lanka	3(BG)	—
Tanzania	—	27(MG)
(ii) *Old*		
Nepal	2(NG)	12(NG)

The approximate rupee equivalent of foreign exchange likely to be earned from the above orders is Rs. 33 crores.

Grounding of aircrafts

302. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Air India's Boewing aircrafts currently grounded and since when;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that an undeclared agitation by aircraft maintenance engineers is going on for the past few months; and

(d) if so, the reasons for their agitation and whether any action has been taken to mobilise the situation and to run smooth maintenance work of aircrafts?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The following Boeing aircraft of Air India are grounded at present for undergoing periodic maintenance checks:—

S. No.	Aircraft	Date from which grounded
1.	B747-200(VT-EGA)	18.5.95
2.	B747-200(VT-ENQ)	15.8.95
3.	B747-200(VT-EBE)	9.2.96
4.	B747-200(VT-ESM)	9.2.96

(c) and (d) Aircraft Maintenance Engineers have adopted 'go-slow' tactics to press their demand for higher wages as a consequence of the increase in remuneration granted to the pilots in October 1994. Air India management is negotiating with the Engineers Association the level of wage increase and the associated increase in productivity. A contingency plan has also been worked out by Air India in the event of intensification of the agitation by the Engineers.

Rise in price of cement

303. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether unpecedented rise has been recorded in the price of cement during the last few months;

(b) if so, the market rate during 1994-95 and the current market rate;

(c) whether any study has been conducted regarding cost price and the market price; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Prices of cement differ in different consumption centres due to various factors such as demand